

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TRAVIS RAY SMITH, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALLRED UNIT, et al.

Defendants.

1:22-cv-01024-GSA (PC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Houston County, which is in the Southern District of Texas. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been

1 filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. In the interest of
2 justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district.
3 See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
5 States District Court for the Southern District of Texas-Houston Division.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: August 17, 2022

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE